

Service Date: June 5, 2012

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF Submission of)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Montana-Dakota Utilities Company's)	
2011 Integrated Electric Resource Plan)	DOCKET NO. N2011.8.70

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct a public meeting on **Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission's Bollinger Room, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, for the purpose of receiving comments on the 2011 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) of Montana Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed August 15, 2011. Integrated resource planning is "an ongoing, dynamic and flexible process" which

- (a) explicitly manages the consequences of uncertainty and risk . . . ,
- (b) integrates the demand- and supply-side resources that represent the least cost to society over the long-term,
- (c) explicitly weighs a broad range of resource attributes (e.g., environmental externalities) in the evaluation of alternative resources,
- (d) is reasonably understandable to interested persons . . . ,
- (e) involves stakeholders and nonutility expertise . . . ,
- (f) . . . facilitates communication and coordination among the entities dealing with utility finances, demand forecasts, [and] demand- and supply-side resource evaluations, . . . and
- (g) continually monitors and develops data on the cost effectiveness and actual productivity of conservation programs.

Admin. R. Mont. 38.5.2002(1) (2012). The IRP must include "an evaluation of the full range of cost-effective means for the public utility to meet the service requirements of its Montana customers, including conservation or similar improvements in the efficiency by which services are used." Mont. Code Ann. § 69-3-1204 (2011). The Montana Department of Environmental Quality filed written comments on the IRP on October 19, 2011. *See id.* at § 69-3-1205(2).

At the meeting, representatives of MDU will give a short overview of the plan and will be available to answer questions. After reviewing the IRP and considering public comment, the Commission may issue a written statement on the plan.

The IRP is available for inspection at the Commission's business offices at the above address and on its website at <http://psc.mt.gov> under Docket N2011.8.70. The Montana Consumer Counsel represents consumer interests before the Commission and also has a copy of the IRP available for inspection at 111 North Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 201703, Helena, MT 59620-1703, phone (406) 444-2771.

Anyone needing an accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199 at least one week before the date of the meeting. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate individual impairments.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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